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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

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1/ State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Special Project Planning Account — Informational
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—17)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — August 26, 2010
- *6. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *7. Fund Shift \$887,855.00
Various Projects

To consider fund shifts for various previously approved cooperative projects with the San Joaquin River Conservancy, Department of Fish and Game, City of Fresno, County of Madera, and Ducks Unlimited, Inc. The proposed fund shifts are necessary to meet existing obligations and propose to use funding authorized for the same purpose from a subsequent enactment year appropriation. The purposes of the proposed projects are consistent with the proposed funding shifts. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650(b)(5) and Wildlife Restoration Fund]

- *8. Hamilton City Flood Damage \$10,000.00
Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration
Glenn County

To consider the disposal of a portion of property, the Sacramento River Conservation Area, Expansion 4, 120± acres, funded through a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to The Nature Conservancy, approved by the Board in November of 2001, and to authorize the reuse of proceeds generated by disposal to acquire 104± acres in fee title for the protection of riparian and riverine habitat supporting threatened and endangered species. The purposes of this project are consistent with the funding provided under the original grant approved by the Board in November of 2001 as well as the allocation proposed for this transaction that allow for the protection of threatened and endangered species habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)(1E)]

- *9. Loch Lomond Vernal Pool \$25,000.00
Ecological Reserve Exchange
Lake County

To consider the acceptance of 1.7± acres and the disposal of 1.4± acres through an exchange of fee title land between the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and a private landowner to expand protection of vernal pool habitat at the Loch Lomond Ecological Reserve, located in the community of the Loch Lomond, in Lake County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of threatened and endangered species habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)(1E)]

- *10. Swiss Ranch, Expansion 3 \$430,000.00
Calaveras County
- To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement for the Department of Fish and Game over 304± acres of land for protection of critical habitat for the migratory Rail Road Flat deer herd, located in the Sierra foothills along Swiss Ranch Road in Calaveras County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of deer range habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)]
- *11. Eticuera Creek Watershed Habitat Restoration \$515,000.00
Napa County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Conservancy of Napa County for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy, U.C. McLaughlin Reserve, the Homestake Mining Company and the Department of Fish and Game to restore riparian habitat in the Eticuera Creek watershed. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allows for the enhancement or restoration of riparian habitat located in floodplains and for habitat that provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786 (e/f)(1E), and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]
- *12. Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, \$10,000.00
American Canyon
Napa County
- To consider the acceptance of 352± acres of land for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for protection of bay wetlands, as an addition to the DFG's Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, located between the City of American Canyon and the Napa River in Napa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for protection of wetland habitat within the San Francisco Bay Area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Sections 79572(c)]
- *13. Insectaries for Pollinators and Farm Biodiversity \$73,000.00
Sonoma County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District to restore and enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat by maximizing nesting and food sources for a variety of native bee species on eight privately owned properties located in Sonoma County. The

purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for assisting farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(4)]

- *14. Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve Restoration, \$366,000.00
Augmentation and Change of Scope
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a funding augmentation and change of scope for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County, for a cooperative project with the Army Corps of Engineer and the Federal Aviation Administration to restore and enhance the Department of Fish and Game's Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve. The project is located within the City of Goleta, adjacent and south of the Goleta Airport, in Santa Barbara County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding sources that allow for the restoration of coastal wetlands in southern California. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley, P-50 SoCal], and Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50) Section 79572(a)]

- *15. James San Jacinto Mountains Reserve Renovation \$248,000.00
Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to purchase and install five new manufactured cabins and one laundry facility, make renovations to two existing buildings, and repair roads at the James San Jacinto Mountains Reserve, located in the San Jacinto Mountain Range approximately 10 miles south of the town of Banning in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for grants to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)(3)]

- *16. Peninsular Bighorn Sheep \$5,000.00
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and authorize the use of those funds to acquire 947± acres for the Department of Fish and Game, to protect and enhance

existing regional wildlife linkages and habitats for the Peninsular Bighorn Sheep, located west of the community of Oasis, in Riverside County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for grants to protect habitat corridors and prevent habitat fragmentation. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5906.650]

- *17. East Elliott and Otay Mesa Regions (Sunroad) \$5,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant the federal funds to the City of San Diego to assist with the acquisition of 1± acre of land to protect critical regional wildlife linkages, coastal sage scrub, and to protect and preserve core areas of vernal pool habitat that will enhance the existing Multiple Species Conservation Program and the Natural Community Conservation Plan areas located on the western Otay Mesa, south of Highway 905 and east of Highway 805 in the San Diego city limits. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

- 18. Cow Creek Conservation Area, Expansion 2 \$1,340,000.00
Shasta County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American Land Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement over 5,868± acres of land, for protection of rangeland, riparian corridors and other significant ecosystems, located north of State Highway 44 approximately 10 miles east of the City of Redding in Shasta County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Projection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

- 19. Red Bank Creek \$3,960,000.00
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Northern California Regional Land Trust to acquire conservation easements over two ownerships totaling 7,132± acres for protection of native oak woodland habitat, located approximately 20 miles northwest of the City of Red Bluff in Tehama County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of native oak woodland

habitat. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(2)]

20. Heart K Ranch \$1,090,000.00
Plumas County

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement for the Department of Fish and Game over approximately 880± acres for protection of critical habitat for the Sloat Deer herd as well as protection of black oak woodland, montane riparian, and wet meadow habitats, located in the Genesee Valley along Indian Creek in Plumas County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of deer range, oak woodlands and mountain lion habitat and for the preservation of habitat located within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)(1E)]

21. Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Expansion 6 \$1,120,000.00
Butte County

To consider the acquisition of 222± acres of land for the Department of Fish and Game for the protection of wetland habitat, located approximately five miles west of the City of Biggs in Butte County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of wetland habitat within the inland region of California and for the preservation of wildlife values within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program, (1E)]

22. Lower Yuba River, Excelsior, Phase I \$3,216,440.00
Nevada and Yuba Counties

To consider the acquisition of 527± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) known as the Yuba Narrows Ranch for protection of deer and mountain lion habitat, located along the Yuba River within the lower Yuba River watershed, situated between the DFG Daugherty Hills and Spenceville Wildlife Areas, in Nevada and Yuba Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect deer range habitat and for the preservation of wildlife values within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)(1E)]

23. Bruin Ranch Phase I \$4,515,000.00
Placer County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Placer Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, Caltrans and Placer County to acquire 1,773± acres of property to protect habitat for threatened and endangered species, including blue oak woodland habitat and approximately three miles of riparian corridor along the Bear River, located in Placer County. Protection of this property will also allow the connection of a regional trail through previously protected land to Placer County's Hidden Falls Regional Park and Coon Creek. The purposes of this project are consistent with proposed funding source that allows for protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and habitat corridors, and projects pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]]

24. Oak Hills Ranch \$2,296,000.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a conservation easement over 3,316 ± acres of native oak woodlands located south of the community of Dunnigan and north of the town of Esparto in Yolo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the protection of native oak woodland habitat. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(2)]

25. San Joaquin River Parkway, Jensen River Ranch \$1,982,513.00
Phase II Construction
San Joaquin County

To consider the allocation for an interagency agreement with the Department of Water Resources for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy to restore wetland and riparian habitat and construct public access trails on the San Joaquin River Parkway near the junction of Highway 41, City of Fresno, Fresno County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650(b)(5)]

26. Los Vaqueros Ranch Conservation Easement, \$1,210,000.00
Phase II
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement over 800± acres of property to protect critical steelhead habitat as well as habitat for sensitive wildlife species including the red-legged frog, yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle and intact populations of native fish, oak woodlands, and grasslands on the west side of Salina Valley along the Arroyo Seco River in Monterey County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, threatened and endangered or fully protected species, and for the preservation of wildlife values within a floodplain or flood corridor. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c)(1E)]

27. Santa Clara River Watershed, Totlcom \$2,298,500.00
Ventura County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy, the acceptance of a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife; and the authorization to enter into an Agreement to Subgrant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy, Santa Clara River Trustee Council and the Department of Fish and Game to acquire 123± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species and habitat corridors, located south of the City of Ventura in Ventura County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for protection of threatened and endangered species and habitat corridors. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650)]

28. Malibu Lagoon State Beach \$4,000,000.00
Lagoon Restoration, Construction Phase
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to improve water circulation, remove non-native vegetation, restore native vegetation, and provide additional educational and public use facilities in Malibu Lagoon State Park, Los Angeles County, at the mouth of Malibu Creek. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the restoration of coastal wetlands in southern California. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Section 79572(a)]

29. Tejon Ranch \$15,800,000.00
Kern/Los Angeles Counties

To consider the allocation for five grants to the Tejon Ranch Conservancy to acquire five conservation easements over 62,003± acres for the protection of significant natural landscapes and wildlife linkages and corridors, located south of the City of Bakersfield and north of the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to Interstate 5 and State Highway 138, in Kern and Los Angeles Counties. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent fragmentation and protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

30. Bottle Peak \$3,562,900.00
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Escondido Creek Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of 418± acres of property to anchor regional habitat conservation planning efforts, including a Natural Community Conservation Plan, in central San Diego County and provide a critical ecological link between coastal habitat and the higher elevation Cleveland National Forest. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

31. DFG Presentation Informational
Conservation and Habitat Mapping

This item will cover a presentation by the Department of Fish and Game of two recent complementary mapping and modeling efforts to identify areas of high biological value in the State – Areas of Conservation Emphasis (ACE II) and the California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project.

32. 2011 Wildlife Conservation Board Informational
Tentative Meeting Schedule